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TN REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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February 26, 2003

The Honorable Sara Kyle, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Complaint of Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. against Citizens
Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC

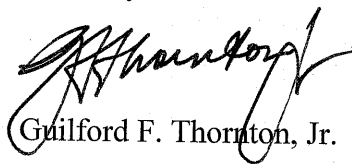
Docket No. 02-01221

Dear Chairman Kyle:

I am enclosing with this letter a joint motion for the appointment of a prehearing officer in the above referenced matter. As you can, both parties are in agreement on this motion. Copies are being served on the TRA legal counsel as well as opposing counsel in this matter.

Should you have any questions or require anything further at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Guilford F. Thornton, Jr.

cc: Mike Swatts
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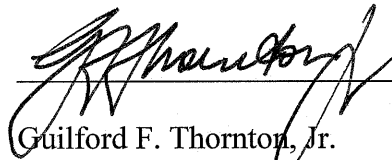
IN RE:

Against

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Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee (“Citizens”) files this motion jointly with Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. (“BLC”), as evidenced by signatures for both parties below. By action taken at its January 27 Directors’ conference, the Authority established deadlines in this matter for the filing of discovery requests, discovery responses, direct testimony and rebuttal testimony. The parties have exchanged some discovery and have submitted jointly to the Authority a proposed agreed protective order. Pending the entry of that order, the parties each have proprietary material that has not yet been turned over to the opposing party. Consequently, it will be impossible for the parties to prepare and file testimony by the deadlines now in place. Further, the parties anticipate procedural issues may arise, including potential discovery disputes, which call for the appointment of a prehearing officer. As a result, the parties propose that the schedule for the filing of direct and rebuttal testimony be suspended and that a prehearing officer be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,



Guilford F. Thornton, Jr.

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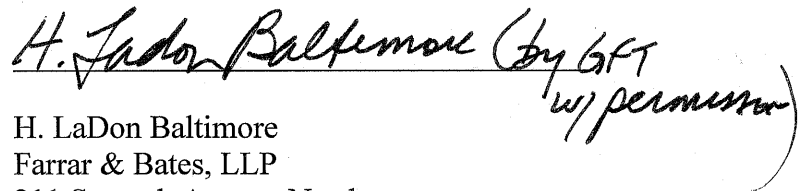
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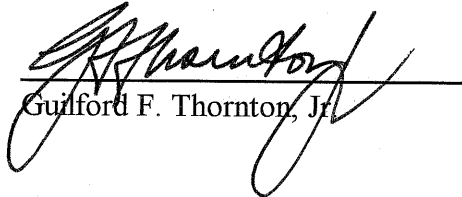
Communications, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by facsimile transmission and by first class mail postage prepaid this the 26th day of February, 2003 to:

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